

Minutes
Apache Boulevard Project Area Committee
November 10, 2008

Minutes of the Apache Boulevard Project Area Committee meeting held on November 10, 2008, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., at the City of Tempe Escalante Community Center.

Members Present:

Phil Amorosi
Ed Andrews
Jim Brewer
Charles Buss
Ray Devine
Jeff Hansen
David Johnson
Pen Johnson
Irving/Esther Kozinets
Brian Martin
Chris McKee
Gretchen Reinhardt
Bob Stafford
John Toliver

Members Absent:

Pete DeMott
Martin Godusi
Don Hoots
Carol McDaniels
Kevin Olsen

City Staff:

Heidi Graham – Community Development
Mike Anaya – Community Development

Other Staff:

Guests Present (Presentation):

Carla Kahn – METRO
Charles Cobbs – CoT PD
Lisa Collins – CoT Dev. Services
Decima Sever – CoT Dev. Services

Other Guests:

Meeting convened at 4:06 P.M.
Phil Amorosi called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 - Consideration of Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes – Approved

Agenda Item 2 – Announcements/Questions

Phil Amorosi

- Don Carlos Awards took place last Wed. It was also the 25th Anniversary for the awards. One member was awarded Humanitarian of the Year – Pen Johnson.
- Apache ASL Trails is still underway – waiting for approval from HUD for funding usage.

Heidi Graham

- Passed out sheet on behalf of Dawn Coomer.
- Last APAC Meeting taking place on 12/08/08 at the New School for the Arts.

Q&A/Comments – **What Is the Gray Development Project on schedule?** – *It appears as if they are moving slowly – I will check into that and email you to let you know(Lisa Collins, Development Services).*

Agenda Item 3 – Carla Kahn – METRO Light Rail Grand Opening Station Celebration Events

- Extended thanks to APAC for allowing her involvement
- Grand opening Dec. 27th
- Friday, Dec 26th Media Event
- Ribbon cutting for dignitaries and sponsors on Saturday, Dec 27th.
- 9:30 celebration in Tempe on the 27th with Mayor Hallman in attendance (open to the public at 10:00).
- Events will take place on 5th St. & College, Mill & 3rd St., at Dorsey & Terrace, and Price & Apache Blvd.
- Sunday, Dec. 28th, 10am-6pm free rides will commence and will be free until the 31st.
- METRO will be needing volunteers – applications were passed out.
- A rider guide will be published in the AZ Republic.

Q&A/Comments – **What will happen with the light rail and the Tempe Block Party?** – *It will continue to run, but we do not have the specifics. What will the cost be? - \$1.25 one way, \$2.50 for all day. Passes will be available for purchase.*

Agenda Item 4 – Charles Cobbs & Beat Sgt. Steve Anderson– Tempe Police Department

- Community Affairs Specialist – 7 months.
- Came from AZ Dept of Gaming, 15 years with AZ Dept. of Corrections.
- Chief found that community outreach was lacking.
- Position was created to build relationships between the citizens and the PD.
- Can be used as a point of contact to track down the appropriate person.

Q&A/Comments – **Do you attend a lot of neighborhood meetings?** – *Yes, I go to a lot of meetings informing them of my position. I also attend on behalf of the chief when needed.* **Do you meet with businesses?** – *Yes I do. I introduce myself and educate them that I am available to assist them with concerns. Another Community Affairs Officer has been hired and her primary responsibility will be media relations.*

Agenda Item 5 – Lisa Collins – Development Services Department – Update on 2051 E. Apache Blvd.

- 1998 – Use permit first approved for Streets of Joy.
- 16 conditions of approval to be met.
 - Security plan was shaky/not signed by the PD.
- DS records show they have had some level of activity since then.
- Not a prohibited use – permit was not revoked.
- Permit is considered valid after researching.
- Ofc. Rodriguez will be working with the two owners to make sure conditions are adhered to. Must do this to remain in business. Commercial Code Enforcement will be following up on compliance of conditions as well.
- Cynthia Calender from PD is responsible for reviewing & approving the security plan. They are reviewed every two years.

The Committee’s final meeting will be Monday, December 8th, 2008 at the New School for the Arts

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Prepared by Mike Anaya

Authorized Signature
Heidi Graham, Senior Planner

